

UP-DATE SEPTEMBER 24, 1978

- The general membership meeting/new member party is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 24th, at Lummus Park. Arva Parks will not be able to attend to speak on the history of Wagner.
- Next Board meeting, Thursday, October 5th, 7:00 P.M., at Dr. Jackson's.

## SEPTEMBER 14, 1978, BOARD MEETING OF THE DADE HERITAGE TRUST, INC.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M. by President Darlene Russell at Dr. Jackson's. Present were John Baldwin, Dolly MacIntyre, Wayne Williams, Lodovico Blanc, Sallye Jude, Darlene Russell, Linda Tripp, Phyllis Shapiro, Ivan Rodriguez, Charles Chase, Arlene Olson and (later) Sam Boldrick.

Wayne moved to accept the MINUTES as they were mailed out. Sallye seconded and the motion carried.

The TREASURER'S REPORT gave a net balance of \$5,582.13. Our only liability is \$437.58 for the rewiring of Dr. Jackson's and some other small bills. Lodovico noted that as per our motion of the last meeting, \$20.00 has been allocated from dues for the Freedom Tower Task Force operating fund. Sales through August were \$1099.66.

### BOARD POSITIONS

Ernest and Eola Seemann have resigned their dual seat on the board due to a conflict with their careers. Ernest offered his assistance anytime in the future with our publishing needs. Dolly and Charles both stated that we may have a potential conflict of interest problem with our board members who are architects working on DHT projects for money. If this cannot be resolved within the framework of our agreements with the City, said board members may have to resign. With at least one board seat available, it was again suggested that we find someone with business/management expertise who could head our office management. It was also noted that it is essential that we have more big business interest in DHT and its projects. It was suggested that support from senior officers of major businesses (real estate, banking, commercial airlines, department stores, etc.) be solicited and form an honorary board. Their main purpose would be in providing us some useful political "clout" and possibly some substantial, non-government, financial backing. Our prime target - Brickell Area Association.

### BRICKELL AREA ASSOCIATION OPEN HOUSE

It was decided that this party be scheduled for the first part of November, which will give us enough time to set up a first class show. Jackee will be in charge of the social aspects of the party. Charles will handle exhibits featuring our most recent work on Dr. Jackson's and Wagner. Phyllis is to have an information packet ready by then. Dolly will check with Arva Parks on a possible lecture on the history of the two buildings. Wayne volunteered to have the grounds presentable. Still to be named is the all important follow-up committee who will try to get commitments from this group within the first few weeks following the party.

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

It was decided that this meeting and a new membership party be combined and scheduled for the 3rd (or 4th) Tuesday in October. It will be held at Lummus Park after the Wagner Homestead has been relocated there. This will give old and new members alike an opportunity to see that DHT is getting some constructive things accomplished. It is hoped that Arva Parks will present a history of the building, and that Charles will have a presentation of our plans for restoration. A newsletter detailing this party, the actual Wagner move, and the Champagne Lifting party (celebrating the lifting of the building from its foundations) will be sent out as soon as dates and details can be compiled.

### Dr. JACKSON'S

Lizz has submitted her preliminary report on restoration to the board. Sallye questioned the time schedule given. Dolly said we have until Jan. 1 to finalize and submit the plan to the City.



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### WAGNER HOMESTEAD

As of September 14, 1978, a Lease Agreement and a Memorandum of Understanding for \$40,000 in CD funds between DHT and The City of Miami was granted by the City Commission. Charles stated that permit drawings were sent to him today. Dolly is looking for a demolition contractor to cut away all the additions and get to the core structure, and also to prepare the site. Sallye will be contacting awning companies for bids on a protective covering for the building while it awaits restoration. Truley Nolen has offered to tent the building and prepare the new site. Charles will have to complete the site plan for the site preparation, the surveyor, and for the City. Dolly is going to check on our insurance to see if we can get extended coverage for Wagner. The actual move of Wagner will probably take place in early October.

### CALENDAR

Dolly showed the completed drawings submitted by Peter. Production is on schedule. Distribution remains our biggest problem.

### GUIDEBOOKS

Arlene is to appear on Channel 17 on October 12th to discuss her book. Woody Wilkins is making progress on the new Coral Gables Guidebook. Dolly was concerned that Woody did not receive proper recognition for all his preservation efforts in a recent Herald spread. She will be writing a letter to the Editor to set the record straight.

THE ALAMO will probably be moved to its new location the end of October.

### BUTLER INSURANCE BUILDING

Dolly and Ivan both received letters from Mr. Butler stating that he had received word that the City Commission would be considering a recommendation that his property be condemned and demolished to make room for a new parking garage. Ivan has written a letter of violent protest to the City Commission with copies to the newspapers, the Director of Off-Street Parking, the City Manager, and the Convention Center project Manager. Charles moved that DHT take a stand that it supports the on-site preservation of the Butler Bldg. and that we oppose the demolition and/or moving of this historic, living structure. Phyllis will direct a letter stating this stand to persons directly concerned with this problem (beginning with Ivan's list). The letter will also be read into the record of the City Commission Meeting when the recommendation is heard. The motion was seconded by Arlene and was passed. It was further decided that our future position on this and other endangered buildings be based on a thorough analysis of the problems and considerations that the city and the developers have pursued, and that this position include some concrete, realistic alternatives. It is not a realistic alternative, for example, to move the Butler Insurance Bldg., a working living building, to Lummus Park where it would be totally out of context.

### ENDANGERED STRUCTURES

In addition to the Butler Building, Ivan brought to our attention two other structures of potential historic value that are endangered; an old school house at 119 N.E. 20 Terr, thought by some to be the original Miami High School building; and the Jefferson Bell House on decorator row. The school house is on property recently purchased by Braman Cadillac, and Dolly will contact them about possible use of the structure for a sales office. It was also suggested that a letter be written to the 41st Street Design Group or to Richard Plumer regarding the Jefferson Bell house. Ivan further mentioned that if all alternatives were exhausted for these and other endangered structures, there might be a possibility of finding a refuge for these buildings to save them for later use, for example in an historic village. Charles voiced his opposition to moving buildings for display as museum pieces just because



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they are old. He felt thorough documentation a better solution. Dolly disagreed and said that even the best of pictures and descriptions cannot replace the spacial feelings one experiences by walking through a structure. It was again generally felt that on-site preservation of structures is preferred, but that in some instances moving at least temporarily might be prudent.

MEDICAL FURNISHINGS

Sally reported that the Smithsonian has no desks for us, but that they do have medical display cabinets. Dolly moved that we authorize a \$500.00 fund for the furnishings for Dr. Jackson's, to be administered by the medical furnishings chairman, Marian Stokley, to cover shipping, packing, insurance, etc., on loaned items. These funds are not to be used for purchase of items. Wayne seconded. All were in favor with the exception of Charles, who opposed.

RANSOM-EVERGLADES

Lodovico announced the Sept. 24th ceremony and reception celebrating the 75th anniversary of the school. He will write a letter of congratulations and express our pleasure on their excellent volunteer efforts in the preservation of the Pagoda.

NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN

Dolly read a letter from Cecil Andrus, Secretary of the Interior, stating the intent of the Federal government to identify and develop a major policy for a national historic preservation plan. It further requested our response listing concerns and issues we felt important. Identified were 1) tax relief; 2) destructive action of public utilities; 3) the great disparity between city, county, state, and federal regulations; 4) highways; 5) more pressure at state and local level to conform to federal guidelines; 6) speed of effective controls, such as the national register; 7) communication problem with the state preservation officer. Lodovico also noted that we should mention that this letter, dated July 5, 1978, was not received until September 14, and asked for a response before Sept. 15. Charles moved that Dolly and Sallye respond to the letter. Phyllis seconded and the motion carried.

ADVERTISEMENT IN ART DECO WEEK SPECIAL BOOKLET

Darlene mentioned that Ellie Kramer of the Miami Design Preservation League had asked for our support by placing such an ad. The 8'x10' booklet will probably number 25,000 copies. Dolly moved and Charles seconded that we take a  $\frac{1}{4}$  page ad for \$35.00. Phyllis will design and submit. Motion was passed.

MIAMI BEACH CITY HALL BUILDING

Darlene has been contacted several times by Sidney Marmer regarding the now empty building. He is soliciting our support for his plan to convert the building into a discovery center for the teaching of crafts and skills. Darlene will write a letter to the Miami Beach City Council, with copy to Mr. Marmer, requesting their prompt consideration of alternative uses for the building in order to occupy it as soon as possible, as an empty building leads to demolition by neglect.

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Ivan reported on the second meeting of this group, Sept. 13, at the Museum. There was a small turn-out of 12-14 persons each representing 2-3 different organizations, but a lot of constructive input. Richard Gross <sup>agreed to write</sup> the By-laws and objectives. Elections will be held after the finalization of the charter. Clair Frazier, Hialeah CD, is acting director and open to suggestions. Tentative dues, \$15.00 per organization. Meetings bi-monthly.

Meeting adjourned 10:47.

Respectfully submitted,



Dade Heritage Trust, Inc.  
Treasurer's Report  
9/14/78

Assets

(1) Regular checking Account \$1 239.45  
Savings Account \$3531.92  
2124.09 5676.01

Checks Not Deposited

104.25  
\$ 2019.71

Liabilities

F. S. MacIntyre - wiring  
Dr. Jackson, etc

437.58  
\$ 5,582.13

Notes (1) Allocated to Freedom Town for  
dues \$20. -

So (2) Sales thru 8/31 \$1099.66

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